Act, Indian Penal Act, RBI Act and the Banking Book Evidence Act has been amended through the Information Technology Act, 2000. Section 72 of the Information Technology Act provides for penalty for breach of confidentiality and privacy. The evidentiary aspect of cyber-smearing and economic malpractices will be addressed by Section 43, Section 65, Section 66, Section 67, Section 72, Section 74 and Section 79 of the IT Act.

Accidents in Various Establishments

1334. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of accidents which took place in establishments which come under the purview of the Worker's Compensation Act during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000;

(b) the classification of the accidents into fatal and non-fatal categories;

(c) corresponding figure of deaths, permanent disabilities and partial disabilities; and

(d) the number of workers receiving compensation during the corresponding period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (d) The provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 are being administered exclusively by the State Government/Union territory Administrations. Under the W.C. Act liability for payment of compensation to the Workman/Dependant vests in the concerned employer. In death and in certain other cases a claim for compensation is heard and decided by the Commissioner for Workmen's Compensation appointed by State Governments. However in some other cases compensation amount can be paid by the employer as a result of an agreement with his workman in accordance with the provisions of the W.C. Act. As such the requisite information about number of fatal-accidents, non-fatal accidents, amount of compensation paid etc. is not centrally maintained. As coverage of the W.C. Act is quite vast it is felt that time and energy involved in collecting the requisite information from State Governments/Union Territory Administration's may not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.